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The Journey of Where I'm At

When I reflect on where I am today, I often think about the many places, jobs, and experiences that helped shape my path. Every position I have held has taught me valuable lessons about responsibility, leadership, service, and personal growth. Looking back, I can see how each step prepared me for the next.

My first job was at the age of fifteen, working for Rogel Ice as an ice bagger. Although it was an entry-level position, it taught me the importance of hard work, punctuality, and taking pride in completing a task. It was my introduction to the workforce and the beginning of learning what it meant to earn my own paycheck.

From there, I joined Dollar General Corporation, where I worked for approximately one year. I began as a cashier and store clerk, but my responsibilities quickly expanded. I learned inventory organization, stocking merchandise, pallet management, cash handling, register operations, customer service, and store maintenance. This experience gave me a strong

foundation in retail operations and helped me develop professional communication skills while working alongside management and customers in a fast-paced business environment.

My next opportunity took me into education as a Teacher's Aide at Blacklick Valley Elementary School. Working with elementary students allowed me to develop patience, leadership, and mentoring skills. During this time, I also completed the necessary training and credentials to become a substitute educator. This role strengthened my understanding of learning environments and reinforced my desire to help others succeed.

Continuing my journey in education, I accepted a position at Commonwealth Technical Institute (CTI) of the Herman G. and Katherine K. Andrews Center. There, I served as a Substitute Instructor while also providing tutoring support in engineering and welding programs. This position allowed me to combine technical knowledge with teaching and mentorship, helping students overcome challenges and achieve their educational goals.

My career path then led me into healthcare at Conemaugh Hospital's Ashman/Rose Pavilion, where I worked as an Assistant Nurse. This role provided valuable experience in patient care, teamwork, professionalism, and compassion. Working in a healthcare setting taught me the importance of empathy, attention to detail, and supporting individuals during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Alongside my professional career, I continued pursuing my lifelong passion as an author and illustrator. Writing, artwork, and music have always been an important part of my identity. These creative outlets allowed me to express ideas, share stories, and continue developing my artistic talents outside of my formal employment.

Today, as I reflect on the last five years and the journey that brought me here now 34 going on 35 years of age, I recognize that every experience has contributed to who I have become. From bagging ice as a teenager to working in retail, education, technical instruction, healthcare, and the creative arts, each chapter has added a new layer of knowledge and understanding. The journey is still continuing, but I am grateful for every lesson learned, every challenge overcome, and every opportunity that has helped shape the person I am today.

In recent years, my professional focus has expanded into the field of addiction recovery, behavioral health, and substance abuse treatment. Through my work in recovery settings, I have dedicated countless hours to studying the effects of alcohol and narcotic addiction on the human mind, behavior, relationships, and overall quality of life. My contributions have included developing educational recovery groups, creating therapeutic discussion materials, researching behavioral science concepts, and helping individuals better understand the connection between thoughts, emotions, choices, and long-term recovery outcomes. By combining practical experience with independent study, I have worked to make complex psychological and recovery concepts easier to understand for individuals at all stages of their healing journey.

My work has also focused on creating innovative approaches to recovery education, emphasizing emotional intelligence, self-awareness, personal

accountability, cognitive restructuring, and healthy coping skills. Through group facilitation, recovery support, writing, and educational content development, I have sought to help individuals recognize both the challenges and possibilities that exist beyond addiction. My goal has been to bridge the gap between clinical knowledge and everyday understanding, offering tools that encourage growth, resilience, and lasting change. As I continue this journey, I view recovery not simply as the absence of substances, but as the ongoing process of rebuilding purpose, identity, relationships, and personal potential.

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